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South Carolina Electric and Gas Company Return on Common Equity Test Year Ended March 31, 2004 (\$000)

SC Retail As Adjusted SC Retail After Proposed Increase (6) (8) (9) (10)(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (7) Capital Rate Embedded Overall Income For Rate Embedded Overall Income For Structure* Cost/Return Cost/Return Return Cost/Return Cost/Return **Description** Ratio Base Base Return % \$ % % \$ \$ % % \$ Long Term Debt 1,985,152 46.96% 1,699,128 6.56% 3.08% 111,463 1,699,128 6.56% 3.08% 111,463 Preferred Stock 115,484 2.73% 98,778 0.17% 6,322 6,322 6.40% 6.40% 98,778 0.17% 50.31% Common Equity 2,126,984 1,820,340 9.04% 4.55% 164,559 1,820,340 12.19% 6.14% 221,925 Totals 4,227,620 100.00% 3,618,246 7.80% 282,344 9.39% 339,710 3,618,246

[№] * Total Company Capital Structure as of August 31, 2004.